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Distinguished Leader!

First of all, we would like to invite you to join distinguished Members of Parliament and government officials from throughout the world to Paris on June 20 in order to discuss the state of international order and global security.

Since Robert Pittenger founded the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum in 2014, the exchange of reliable ideas about questions of order and security are facing a huge extension of conflict and violence. The Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum does not only include the most urgent security challenges in its programs, but also draws attention to issues that might not yet be on the top of the security community's agenda.

The Forum embraces a comprehensive definition of security, which encompasses not only traditional national or military security, but also takes into account – among others – the economic, cyber, environmental and human dimensions of security.

As mentioned by our Speaker of Parliament last year on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum “has become a major global forum for discussion of security policy.” This is a big claim and therefore I would like to invite you to join us on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Paris to a marketplace of ideas, one that is reflecting a globalized world.

The participants at the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum have impressive job titles and come from, the United States, Europe, and South America. We will debate in Paris carefully calibrated and tightly scheduled panel discussions questions about cyber security, terrorism financing, civil liberties, predatory foreign investment and intelligence collaboration.

This is where participants pose the key questions on very significant issues. What is more, the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum will discuss new challenges like data and technology policy or well-known blind spots such as the conflicts in Africa in the substantial and innovative manner that would befit their strategic significance.

Above all, the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum is a place where many decision-makers come together. This allows for the efficient delivery of strategic messages and proposals. It proposes a considerable number of confidential side-meetings and negotiations that could never take place outside the Forum setting. We believe in the need for an informed and sustained public debate on security policy broadly defined and this aims to involve the wider public in its debates.

We are very grateful to Congressman Robert Pittenger who has the vision to continue its leadership in the future. We are grateful to him, because we know that the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum has transatlantic and European roots and our activities reflect a globalized world.



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The Forum strives to increase its geographic diversity and reach to include all relevant stakeholders. It aims at debating the world's most relevant security challenges.

We would highly appreciate your journey with us at the Forum. Your participation will be a precious gift for us. We therefore kindly invite you and hope to see you on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum!

The Bundestag avails itself of this opportunity to renew our commitment of service to the French Assemblée Nationale as hosts and to confirm the assurances of its highest and most distinguished consideration.

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